

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 1 on page 1 as follows:

The present invention relates to a fuel cell including a membrane electrode assembly interposed between separators. The membrane electrode assembly includes a pair of electrodes, and an electrolyte membrane interposed between the electrodes.

Please replace paragraph 4 on page 2 as follows:

Typically, each of the anode and the cathode has a gas diffusion layer such as a porous carbon paper, and an electrode catalyst layer of platinum alloy supported on porous carbon particles. The carbon particles are deposited uniformly on the surface of the gas diffusion layer. The electrode catalyst layer of the anode and the electrode catalyst layer of the cathode are fixed to both surfaces of the electrolyte membrane, respectively. Japanese patent-publication No. 3,211,378 discloses a polymer electrolyte fuel cell in an attempt to improve the gas diffusion properties of the reactant gases from the gas diffusion layer to the electrode catalyst layer.

Please replace paragraph 26 on page 7 as follows:

The resinous supports may be formed in foamed member, and spaced by a predetermined distance from a surface of the electrode catalyst layer facing the foamed member.